Allotment of telephone connections in Uttaranchal

1939. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone connections that have been allotted during the year 2002-03 in the villages of district Pauri Garhwal, Uttaranchal particularly in Patti Edwalsyun, Pauri Garhwal and how many registrants are there in waiting list and how many persons have applied for fresh telephone connections;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of persons from Village-Bara, Post-Pesoli, Patti-Edwalsyun, district Pauri Garhwal have applied for the connections last year but are not getting telephone connections; and

(c) the reasons for non-installation of connections and by when, registrants would get connections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) A total of 1312 telephone connection, including 512 nos. of Village Public Telephone (VPTs), were provided by BSNL during 2002-03 in the villages of district Pauri Garhwal, Uttaranchal and particularly 29 Nos. in Patti Edwalsyun, Pauri Garhwal. There are 7 applicants in the waiting list in Patti Edwalsyun, Pauri Garhwal as on 30.6.2003.

(b) and (c) During 2002-03, only seven applicants had applied for the new telephone connections from far flung areas of village Patti-Edwalsyun out of which five were from villages Bara. The connection to these subscribers could not be provided due to non-feasible areas. These subscribers have been asked to take connections on Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) and they will be given connections as soon acceptance is received from them.

Expenditure on I.T. Industry

†1940. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the expenditure on the Information Technology Industry in India was 1.008 billion dollar in the year 2002;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.